

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

DAWSON, *et al.*

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Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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**Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as requested herein. It is not believed that any extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if extensions of time or additional fees are required in conjunction with this submission, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Arnold and Porter deposit account 50-1824 referencing matter number 13587.205.

**Amendments****In the Claims:**

Please add the following new claims:

95. (New) The process according to claim 45, wherein the amount of said azalide antibiotic is at least about 5.0%.